

2.10 Implementing String Algorithms

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KEY WORDS traverse 遍历

Objective

Build the skills to answer exam questions on **implementing String algorithms**.

You must be able to:

- **traverse** 遍历 a String by looping over its indices from 0 to `length - 1`
- use `charAt` and `substring` inside a loop
- count characters or find a pattern one position at a time

1 Worked examples

Study these first. Each one shows the method for a question type used later.

■ Traversing a String

Loop over the valid indices 0 to `length() - 1` and read each character with `charAt`:

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for (int i = 0; i < s.length(); i++) {
    char c = s.charAt(i);    // the character at index i
}
```

■ Counting and searching

By examining one position at a time, you can **count** particular characters or **find** a pattern within the String.

2 Practice

2.1 State the range of indices used to traverse a String `s`. [1]2.2 State what `s.charAt(0)` returns. [1]2.3 For `s = "apple"`, state the value of `s.charAt(1)`. [1]

3 Exam-style questions

3.1 To visit every character of a String, loop from 0 to [1]

- A `length`
- B `length - 1`
- C `length + 1`
- D `1`

3.2 `s.charAt(i)` returns [1]

- A a substring
- B the character at index `i`
- C the length
- D the index `i`

3.3 String `s = "hello";`.(a) State `s.length()`. [1](b) State `s.charAt(4)`. [1]

(c) State the last valid index. [1]

Solutions

2.1 from 0 to `s.length()` - 1.

2.2 the first character of the String.

2.3 'p'.

3.1 B.

3.2 B.

3.3 (a) 5. (b) 'o'. (c) 4.